

Area Board Day Program Questions

Alan Short Community Access Program - ASCAP

1. What is the ratio of consumers to staff?

1 to 6

2. Does the program have a behavioral component?

No

3. Does the program have an education component?

Not at this time.

4. Staff qualifications, such as fluent in Spanish, ASL, PECS, etc?

Specific staff requirements depend on the specific position we have open. Enthusiastic, self-motivated, creative people with previous experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities, assessment, behavior management, and daily living skills training and group instructional skills and knowledge of the Stockton community at large.

All staff must be physically able to work with consumers, have a good driving record and have minimum California auto insurance. Valid CA drivers license with no restrictions, and TB & Fingerprint clearance, as well as First Aid & CPR certification are required.

5. Is there medical staff on site?

No

6. Can the facility accommodate wheelchairs, diaper changing?

We are licensed for up to 10 wheelchairs, but because of our 1:6 ratio we are unable to provide routine daily toileting.

7. Does the program have an arts component, if so, which arts, music, dance, theater, crafts?

Depending on consumer interests, and staff availability, we usually offer a variety of visual and performing arts classes (e.g. drawing, painting, ceramics, singing, band, guitar, disco dancing, drama, etc).

8. Does the program have a sports component, if so, which sports?

All activities are consumer driven. Previous activities have included bowling and fishing.

9. How often do consumers have community outings - daily weekly, monthly, seldom, never?

All consumers are offered the opportunity to participate in community outings a minimum of two times per week.

10. How often to consumer have overnight outings - monthly, quarterly, seldom, never?

We have not had any consumer interest to do this in several years

11. How do program participants get to and from program?

Door-to-door service is provided by Storer Transportation. Consumers also use the city bus, Dial-A-Ride, and other private transportation (e.g. families, carehomes, etc).

12. Is public transportation used daily, weekly, monthly, seldom, never?

Most transportation for activities is through ASCAP vehicles. Occasionally we use public transportation when consumers have their own bus pass.

13. Does the program offer supported employment?

Not at this time.

14. Does the program offer work groups (enclaves)?

Not at this time.

15. Do the consumers do volunteer work through the program?

All activities are consumer driven. When consumers have an interest in volunteering on or offsite, we will assist them in finding an appropriate volunteer site.

16. Does the program offer supported living training?

Not at this time.

17. Does the program offer supported or independent living assistance?

Informally when requested. We are not funded to provide this service.

18. Can a consumer attend less than 35-40 hours per week? (Part time)

Absolutely. Several consumers in our program attend Delta, work part time, or just don't want to attend 5 days a week.

19. Does the program offer evening and/or weekend activities?

Only for special events.

20. Does program offer life skills training (money handling, traffic safety)?

Daily life skill training is always incorporated into all ASCAP activities.

21. Do consumers have computer access? If so, for games? internet access?

We have several computers available for consumers to use - mainly for word processing, and a couple of reading and math games.

22. Does program participate in Special Olympics?

All activities are consumer driven. The past few years, a few consumers have only expressed interest in attending as observers.

23. Does program have own source of transportation?

Yes

24. What are the regular program hours?

Consumer hours are 8:30 am to 2:30pm. Staff hours are 8:00 am to 3:30pm.

25. What other community resources/business are located around the program site?

We are located on University Park and currently share the campus with California State University at Stanislaus - Stockton Campus, VMRC, Head Start, DMV Investigation Unit, SUSD Project Live, DSS - Licensing, Wellness Works, and Creative Child Care. Plans are in the works an elementary school and other commercial businesses to lease space on campus.

26. What is the program's involvement in the self-advocacy movement?

We have monthly consumer meetings and individuals may bring up whatever issues are on their mind. We have also participated in letter writing campaigns as well as demonstrations at the State Capitol when consumer services are jeopardized.

27. Does the agency employ people with developmental disabilities?

Yes.

28. Info about the umbrella organization - how many programs, etc, is the agency private, for profit, or non-profit with a volunteer Board of Directors, is the agency local or headquartered in another area.

Our parent organization, Developmental Disabilities, Service Organization, is private nonprofit corporation based in Sacramento that "houses" twelve separate programs - 9 in Sacramento, 2 in Stockton.

29. What are the typical demographics of your program? (Age, sex and ethnicity of program participants).

Age Range: 23 - 73

Gender: F - 19

30. How does the program view and relate to personal relationships between participants?

We encourage all consumers to socialize appropriately with others at some point during the program day. Several consumers in our program have become couples and see each other on weekends. We do stress that when consumers are involved in a training activity they need to focus on the tasks at hand and save socializing with their "significant other" for break or lunch time, or when we have a party or other social gathering.

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Response from the Alan Short Center - ASC

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We have a SUSD - School for Adults Instructor on staff.

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8. Does the program have a sports component, if so, which sports?

All activities are consumer driven. Previous activities have included bowling, fishing, UOP Gym, and walking classes.

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We have done this in the past, but have not had any consumer interest to do this in several years.

11. How do program participants get to and from program?

Most consumers use Storer Transportation. Several use the city bus, one person uses Dial-A-Ride, and one or two are brought to program by family members.

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Some of the consumers have their own bus passes and use them regularly. For program events, we occasionally use public transportation.

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